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Remarks

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claims 10 and 26-32 is noted and appreciated by the Applicants.

The indication by the Examiner that Claims 2,4 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further noted and appreciated by the Applicants.

Claims 1-7,10,11 and 22-32 are pending in the application.

Claims 10 and 26-32 are allowed.

Claims 2,4 and 24 are objected to.

Claims 1,3,5-7,11,22,23 and 25 stand rejected.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1,3,5-7,11,22,23 and 25 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiyotoshi '258.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to further recite the limitations contained in dependent Claim 4, which is canceled as a result. The newly amended independent Claim 1 is therefore equivalent to Claim 4 being rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of the base Claim 1, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended independent Claim 1, and its dependent Claims 3,5-7,11,22,23 and 25 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.


Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claims 1-3,5-7,11,22,23 and 25 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 10 and 26-32 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in

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condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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